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Shultz Tour — Lebanon

Tripartite Negotiations -- Secretary of State Shultz met with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin in Jerusalem on 29 April after returning from talks with Lebanese President Amin al-Jumayyil the previous day in Beirut, according to Jerusalem and Beirut radios. At the end of the discussion with Begin, Shultz told journalists that the two sides were still trying to find a basis for agreement between Israel and Lebanon, IDF Radio reported. Earlier, Shultz told journalists that the United States must consider increasing its multinational force contingent as part of a withdrawal agreement, but he admitted that he did not yet see how an agreement would be achieved, according to Jerusalem radio. The radio also said Shultz has suggested to President Reagan that the United States offer Israel a bilateral security pact among a number of inducements for Israel to conclude an agreement with Lebanon.

Although Israel's daily DAVAR subsequently spoke of a "growing realization" in Jerusalem that further Israeli concessions are inevitable, especially regarding "free Lebanon" commander Major Sa'd Haddad, a MA'ARIV commentary on the Shultz tour said Begin had told the secretary of state in their earlier talks there is a "national consensus" in Israel that Haddad must be commander of the "territorial brigade" overseeing security in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem television announced that Lebanon has agreed to a "limited" Israeli military presence in southern Lebanon. After Israel gave up its demand for three early warning stations, the two sides agreed to set up two IDF-Lebanese Army bases in southern Lebanon from which joint patrols will operate, the television added. Haddad subsequently issued a statement broadcast by Voice of Hope radio congratulating President al-Jumayyil for his "flexibility" and for having "resolved" the dispute over joint patrols. Other monitored Lebanese media have not reported any agreement over joint patrols.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salim announced earlier that Lebanon's opposition to an IDF military presence in the south is among the "unresolved questions" in the negotiations. In a statement reported by Voice of Lebanon radio, Salim said Lebanon rejects both IDF liaison teams patrolling the south and permanent IDF observation posts. He said Lebanon also opposes Israel's demands for direct recognition, an agreement signed by foreign ministers, Haddad to command the forces in the south, the exclusion of the United States from all joint committees supervising security arrangements, and a bilateral trade agreement. Asserting that Lebanon will not sign any agreement that would harm its relations with Syria and other Arab states, Salim said a trade agreement with Israel would cost Lebanon all its exports to the Arab world as well as the $3 billion in aid it is receiving from Arab sources.

Military, Security Situation -- The Israeli tractor which was recently fired upon by the Syrians worked undisturbed throughout 28 April and the Al-Biqa' sector was completely quiet, Jerusalem radio reported.

Damascus radio cited another TASS report of Israeli military preparations for an attack on the Syrians and also claimed that the BBC had mentioned reports of the IDF canceling leave for troops in Al-Biqa' and calling up reservists. The BBC World Service has not been observed to report this, nor have monitored Israeli media. Meanwhile, the Voice of Lebanon reported that four Soviet aircraft recently supplied Syria with "very advanced weapons."

The IDF sustained further losses when a car-bomb exploded near an Israeli vehicle in Sidon on 28 April. Jerusalem radio said four IDF soldiers were wounded, but the Voice of Lebanon reported that two of the Israelis were killed. Another Israeli soldier was killed and three others were wounded when an IDF vehicle hit a mine north of Sidon early on 29 April, IDF Radio announced. Earlier,the Voice of Lebanon reported renewed Druze-Christian clashes in Ash-Shuf mountain villages southeast of Beirut.

Saudi, Syrian Comment — A Riyadh radio commentary said Arab circles see Shultz' tour as the "last hope for the United States to establish the credibility of its efforts to end the Arab-Israeli conflict." What is important to Saudi Arabia is not how long Shultz stays in the Middle East, but the U.S. Administration's success in proving its true intentions by achieving security and stability in Lebanon, Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan told Radio Monte Carlo. According to Riyadh radio, the Saudi daily 'UKAZ said Lebanon's recent contacts with Arab leaders were intended to secure backing for Lebanon against expected attempts by Shultz to pressure the Lebanese to compromise on security arrangements.

Syria's TISHRIN likewise warned that pressure will ultimately be exerted on Lebanon to force it to make substantial concessions, according to Damascus radio's press review. Shultz' mission has "shifted from its basic course" of obtaining Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, TISHRIN contended, and has focused instead on the "mounting Syrian role on the political and military levels."

Saudi Arabia - Gulf War

King Fahd has sent a message to CPSU General Secretary Yuriy Andropov urging the Soviet Union to exert efforts to help end the Iran-Iraq war, the Kuwaiti paper AL-ANBA' reported on 27 April.

PLO Affairs

PFLP Secretary General George Habash arrived in Moscow on 27 April, Radio Monte Carlo reported citing a PFLP spokesman. In another development PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir conveyed a message from PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Afafat to King Fahd in Jidda, the radio noted. Palestinian circles disclosed that it contained a request from 'Arafat that Fahd press the United States to persuade Israel to release certain Palestinian detainees in Lebanon, the radio added. Meanwhile, 'Arafat returned from Algiers to Tunis, according to Baghdad Voice of PLO radio.

Libya

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi arrived in Benin after traveling overland from Lagos, JANA reported. The Libyan leader concluded his visit to Nigeria by signing bilateral agreements oneconomic, scientific, and technical cooperation. A joint communique issued in Nigeria called on the warring factions in Chad to resolve their differences and urged African states to participate in the next OAU summit without preconditions, NAN reported. In a dinner banquet speech in Lagos, Al-Qadhdhafi stressed the need for a national coalition government in Chad and warned the United States of the "grave consequences" of intervention in that country, according to JANA. He also condemned the "unacceptable measures" taken by Brazil against the Libyan aircraft which landed there and reaffirmed Libya's determination to deliver aid to Nicaragua.

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Reportage on Revolution Anniversary Celebration

Party-Government Appeal

LD281027 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Kabul, April 27, BAKHTAR — Following is the message of the CC of the PDPA, the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, and Central Council of the National Fatherland Front of the DRA to the people of Afghanistan on the occasion of the fifth anniversary celebration of April Revolution, read at a gala meeting held at the Institute of Polytechnic here on April 26.

Dear compatriots: Today we are going to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the April Revolution. This is a great, glorious, and auspicious day in the contemporary history of the country, because in our era only through revolutionary means, the objectives and great goals for the welfare of our people and prosperity of our country, could be achieved. For this purpose the PDPA has come to existence, and the April Revolution triumphed for the fulfillment of this objective.

During the last five years great achievements have taken place. The real democratic and revolutionary sovereignty has been established. The new political system which is indicative of the vital interests of all the toilers and all social strata, nationalities, tribes, and all the patriotic forces of the country, under the leadership of the PDPA is in action with full confidence. The vast masses of the people are actively participating in the administration of state and social affairs.

During the past five years our people did not have many opportunities for the peaceful activities and to concentrate their full power for the solution of the basic socio-economic problems inherited from the past despotic regimes.

Nevertheless the fundamental work has also been started in this sphere and is in progress. Factories, plants, mills, transportation institutions, etc., are under the construction. Mines, irrigation networks, schools, hospitals, mosques destroyed by the enemies of the revolution are under restoration. The just process of the land and water distribution in accordance with the interest of farmers and in line with full reverence to traditions and the principles of the sacred religion of Islam is continuing.

The age old aspirations of the farmers in regard to the land, water and justice are continuously under implementation in the new revolutionary Afghanistan. We can proudly say that only as a result of the April Revolution, we achieved the establishment of friendly and brotherly relations among our people, tribes and nationalities of our common country on the basis of justice, equality and all-round guarantees for development and progress.

However, people who are conscious realize that the revolutionary power cannot be blamed for having not performed greater tasks. The real culprits are the counter-revolutionary elements, imperialism, regional reaction and all those who want our people to slide back to poverty, darkness and oppression.

Dear compatriots: The CC of the PDPA, the Revolutionary Council of the DRA and the Central Council of the National Fatherland Front call upon you:

Unite for the cause of country-wide peace and creative work.

Unite for your sake and for your children's welfare.

For, only under peaceful conditions and with joint friendly efforts, we can solve the acute and [word indistinct] problems of our people. New and better life can be achieved to ensure prosperity of our long-suffering country. For this reason, nobody should be indifferent in carrying out this noble task.

We invite all toilers, workers, peasants, craftsmen, traders, national bourgeois, noble clergies, and the leaders of the tribes and nationalities and the vanguard youth of the country to struggle for the cause of peace, security and ensuring brotherhood and fraternity between our Muslim toilers in our homeland.

Our party and revolutionary authorities will not spare any efforts to achieve this aim: They have no other interests except the interests of our people and the country. We invite all countrymen and all those who stand for dignity, freedom and prosperity of our beloved country to unite more closely around the PDPA, revolutionary government, and the National Fatherland Front, to defend our glorious April Revolution by words and deeds.

Dear countrymen, inhabitants of the revolutionary Afghanistan:

Join the ranks of the defenders of the revolution. (?Take) an active part in reconstruction of roads, bridges, mines, factories, schools, hospitals, and mosques which have been destroyed by the enemies of the revolution and organize their full protection. Explain the inevitable defeat of the enemies and our joint victory to those deceived by them. Curse and defeat be to those who are trying to stop our progressive movement by lies and force.

The PDPA and the DRA are determined in future to strengthen their solidarity with the progressive forces of the world, to struggle for the consolidation of the international security and to prevent every kind of criminal intrigues of imperialism and the reaction.

Long live the glorious April Revolution.

Long live the PDPA, this tested vanguard of our people.

We are victorious and the victory will be ours.

28 April Kabul Parade

LD281018 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0459 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Kabul, April 27, BAKHTAR — Hundreds of thousands of people took part in a gala march in a festive mood to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the glorious April Revolution here today.

The official ceremonies for the celebration of the anniversary of the revolution began with the march past of the units of the armed Armoured Corps, artillery, rocketry, Air Force and anti-aircraft units, cadets of military academy and police and border militias together with their armoury and logistics.

These units marched past the lodge of the Revolutionary Council where Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of Revolutionary Council, flanked by high-ranking party and state leaders took their salute. Squadrons of helicopters and jet planes of the Air Force of the DRA also staged a fly past on the occasion.

Before the march past of units of the Armed Forces, Colonel General Abdol Qader, alternate member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and minister of defence of the DRA, made a speech and praised the heroic deeds of the officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces of the DRA for the defence of the independence, territorial integrity and the gains of April Revolution, especially its new evolutionary phase, and for defeating the enemies of the country and revolution and the hirelings of imperialism and reaction.

The military parade was followed by a long festive march of the citizens of Kabul including the party members, workers, peasants, and members of social organizations and trade unions of the DRA. The marchers chanted revolutionary slogans and carried with them the photos of Babrak Karmal, posters, banners and placards with inscriptions depicting their deep gratitude to the party and to the revolutionary state in their zeal and fervour to construct a new prosperous and blossoming society.

In these ceremonies, members of the Politburo and the secretaries of the Central Committee of the PDPA and chairman of the Council of Ministers, members of the Central Committee of the PDPA, vice-presidents of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council, vice-presidents of the Revolutionary Council, members of the Presidium and members of the Council of Ministers, high-ranking civil and military officers and several high-level state delegations from friendly countries and heads and members of the diplomtic mission took part.

The fifth anniversary of April Revolution was also celebrated in a festive manner in the provinces where marches of the units of Armed Forces and the working people took place.

The newspaper published special supplements on the occasion of the anniversary of April Revolution.

Officials' Reception

LD281032 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0517 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Kabul, April 27, BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council [RC] of the DRA, and Mrs. Mahbooba Karmal, his wife, attended a great reception hosted by the Presidium of the RC and the Council of Ministers of the DRA on the occasion of the celebration of 5th anniversary of April Revolution at the reception hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DRA.

The members of the Politburo and secretaries of the PDPA CC, members of the Central Committee of the party, members of the Presidium and Revolutionary Council of the DRA, members of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, generals and high-ranking military officers of the Armed Forces, members of the Executive Committee of the National Fatherland Front, the guest delegations of the friendly countries who have come to Kabul to participate in the 5th anniversary celebration of April Revolution, high-ranking government officers, ambassadors and the military attaches of the friendly countries and their wives were present at this reception.

The artists of the radio-tv of the DRA performed a concert.

President Babrak Karmal Receives Delegations

CPCZ's Colotka, PZPR's Barcikowski

LD281020 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0511 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Kabul, April 27, BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council [RC] of the DRA, received the Czechoslovak delegation headed by Peter Colotka, member of Presidium of the Central Committee of Czechoslovak Communist Party, deputy premier of that country and prime minister of Slovakia at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council here today.

Similarly, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the RC of the DRA received the Polish delegation headed by Kazimierz Barcikowski, member of Politburo and secretary of the Central Committee of the United Workers Party of Poland at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council here today.

They discussed matters of mutual interest in an atmosphere of cordiality.

USSR's Rashidov

LD281041 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 27 Apr 83

[Excerpt] In the Revolutionaryu Council headquarters yesterday, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, received Sharaf Rashidovich Rashidov, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and first secretary of the Uzbek Communist Party Central Committee, and his accompanying delegation. Rashidov is visiting Kabul at the head of a high-ranking party and government delegation to take part in the ceremonies to mark the fifth anniversary of the glorious April Revolution.

Also present at this meeting were Nur Ahmad Nur, Politburo member and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; Mahmud Barialay, candidate Politburo member and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; and Fikryat Akhmedzhanovich Tabeyev, Soviet ambassador in Kabul. At this meeting, the two sides discussed topics of mutual interest in a friendly, cordial atmosphere.

Soviet State, Party Delegation Departs 28 Apr

LD281822 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Sharaf Rashidovich Rashidov, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and first secretary of the Uzbek SSR Communist Party, who has come to Kabul at the head of a high-ranking state and party delegation to take part at the glorious fifth anniversary of the April Revolution, left this afternoon for home.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, Politburo member and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers; Nur Ahmad Nur, Politburo member and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; Anahita Ratebzad, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and president of the DRA Peace, Solidarity, and Friendship Organization; Major General Najibollah, Politburo member of the PDPA Central Committee; Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; Sakhi Daneshjo, deputy minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Soviet Ambassador F.A. Tabeyev; and other members of the Soviet Embassy in Kabul saw off Rashidov and his entourage at Kabul airport.

Congratulatory Messages on Anniversary Received

Soviet Message

LD272223 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Apr 83

[Text] The following message has arrived in Kabul on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the April Revolution from the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, and the USSR Council of Ministers, addressed to Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers:

Comrade Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPDA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council; Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers:

The CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, and the USSR Council of Ministers, on behalf of the people of the Soviet Union, extend heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the national holiday — the fifth anniversary of the April revolution — to you, to the PDPA Central Committee, to the DRA Revolutionary Council, to the Council of Ministers, and to all the freedom-lo ing people of Afghanistan.

As a result of the victory of the April national and democratic revolution, which was achieved under the leadership of the PDPA, the people of Afghanistan have begun the construction of a new society free of exploitation of men by men and based on progressive social principles and justice. The general policy of the PDPA toward the achievement and undiverted implementation of profound social and economic changes enjoys the ever-increasing support of all strata of the population.

It is noted with satisfaction in the Soviet Union that the just struggle of the Afghan people against the aggression of imperialist forces and for the implementation of the lofty objectives and aims of the April Revolution is confidently going ahead despite difficulties and problems.

During these 5 years, the PDPA, which reflects the will and aspirations of the progressive and patriotic forces of the DRA, has encouraged the toilers of Afghanistan to rebuild the foundations of Afghan society, enhance the national economy, and raise the material and cultural prosperity of all people.

The Soviet Union regards with respect the DRA'S foreign policy which pursues the principles of peaceful coexistence, positive and active nonalignment, and the strengthening of friendly relations with other countries, especially neighboring countries.

The Soviet Union fully supports the efforts and initiatives of DRA foreign policy to achieve a comprehensive and just political settlement of the situation surrounding Afghanistan.

Since the victory of the April Revolution, the traditional friendly and good neighborly relations between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union have developed into relations of fraternity, revolutionary solidarity and all-round cooperation.

The people of the Soviet Union express resolute support for the selfless struggle of the Afghan people and stand against the continuing imperialist interference in the internal affairs of the DRA.

The Afghan people and their government can continue to count on the internationalist aid of the Soviet people in defense of the gains of the April Revolution.

We wish victory and further success for the people and state of Afghanistan, for the PDPA Central Committee, for the DRA Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers and for you, dear comrades, in your creative work and in the struggle to maintain peaceful conditions so as to achieve the objectives and tasks of the April Revolution.

[Signed] The CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, and the USSR Council of Ministers

Greetings From Castro

LD281010 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0450 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Kabul April 27, BAKHTAR-- A congratulatory telegram sent by Fidel Castro Ruz, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, president of the Council of State and chairman of Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, addressed to Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, has been received here on the occasion of the 5th anniversary celebration of April Revolution.

He has expressed his best wishes for the ever further successes of the people of Afghanistan in their struggle against the enemies

of April Revolution. He has also expressed confidence that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would expand even further.

Ziray, Poland's Barcikowski Sign Protocol

LD290536 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] A cooperation protocol was concluded today between the PDPA and the Polish United Workers Party in the Stoor Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The protocol was signed and documents exchanged by Saleh Mohammad Ziray, Politburo member and secretary of the Central Committee, on behalf of the PDPA, and by Kazimierz Barcikowski, Politburo member and PZPR Central Committee secretary , on behalf of the Polish United Workers Party.

Present at the signing ceremony were the deputy head and personnel of the PDPA International Relations Department, the deputy head of the Polish United Workers Party and the Polish ambassador to Kabul.

PDPA, SED Work Program Agreement Signed

LD282041 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] A work program agreement for cooperation during 1983 between the PDPA and the SED [Socialist Unity Party of Germany] was signed this afternoon at 1430 in Kabul.

The work program was signed on the PDPA side by Mahmud Barialay, candidate member and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; and on the SED side by Werner Jarowinsky, candidate member of the SED Central Committee Politburo; in the Stoor Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They exchanged relevant documents.

The deputy head of the PDPA Central Committee International Relations Department and some of its staff and the GDR ambassador in Kabul were present at the signing ceremony.

According to the BAKHTAR reporter, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the April Revolution, the SED delegation [words indistinct] and a carpet from the SED Central Committee as a gift to Mahmud Barialay which were accepted with thanks.

Gandhi Urges No U.S. Bases in Pakistan

BK281613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Prime Minister Gandhi has said that the Nonaligned Movement has emerged united and stronger after the New Delhi summit. In an interview with the LONDON WEEKLY, she said this is acknowledged even by the criticis of the movement.

In reply to a question, Gandhi said the situation in the South Asian region would get complicated if Pakistan provides base facilities to the American Rapid Deployment Force. Such a move would certainly go against the spirit of the nonaligned declaration on the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace.

About the Iran-Iraq conflict, the prime minister said that she would continue consultations to bring a speedy and mutually acceptable settlement of the issue.

Minister Quoted on U.S. Buildup in Indian Ocean

BK281402 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] India has again reiterated its opposition to great power military presence in the Indian Ocean. Making a statement in the lower house of Parliament today, the minister of state for external affairs, U.A. Rahim, said that India is working with littoral and hinterland states to implement the UN resolution of 1971 for the establishment of a zone of peace. He said since the fall of the shah of Iran, the United States has increased its military presence in the Indian Ocean. More than one carrier task force has been dployed on a regular basis and American military facilities are being expanded in the Indian Ocean area. A Rapid Deployment Force of over 200,000 men under a unified command has also been set up with effect from January this year. Rahim said according to U.S. sources the unified command will have operation responsibility for Southwest Asia.

Answering questions, Rahim informed the house that there are also reports of Japan increasing its defense expenditure at U.S. insistence.

Rahim also recalled that at the New Delhi summit the nonaligned countries pledged to work for convening an international conference on the Indian Ocean in 1984. He also called upon the United States and the Soviet Union to resume bilateral discussions for limiting their military presence in the Indian Ocean.

STATESMAN Reports Impasse at Soviet Trade Talks

BK281203 Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English 23 Apr 83 p 1

[Text] New Delhi, April 22 — Four days of talks between Indian and Russian trade teams led to a decision that this country would import an additional 250,000 tons of Soviet crude in 1983, but failed to end the crisis in economic relations between them.

This is because the additional crude is worth just rs 60 crores whereas the adverse balance of trade against Russia — the reason for the crisis — is estimated at rs 668 crores last year. If the trade plan for 1983 has to be carried out, therefore, Russia will have to accept "technical credits" from India of over rs 600 crores.

Its reluctance to do this has caused the impasse in the so-called barter or rupee trade that has been carried on for the past two decades.

Home Minister Alleges Foreign Involvement in Punjab

BK281606 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] The government would take some drastic action if the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh temples management] Committee [SGPC] fails to hand over within a week the antinational elements and extremists hiding in the Guru Nanek Niwas [Golden Temple in Amritsar]. Stating this in the Rajya Sabha today, the home minister said the Punjab Government has already asked the SGPC to hand over the assailant of the former deputy inspector general of police, A.S. Atwal, and the accused persons wanted in connection with different crimes. P.C. Sethi said if antinational elements taking shelter in places of worship pose a threat to national security and integrity the government will be forced to take action as may be warranted by the circumstances.

He was replying to points raised through calling-attention motion by L.K. Advani, Bhrtiya Janata Party, and others.

Sethi clarified that there is no order imposing a ban on police entry into places of worship. He said the police is not entering these places as a mark of respect for the religious sentiments of the people. Sethi expressed the hope that the Akal Takhat [highest seat of Sikhs] leaders would heed the request of the government and hand over the wanted persons.

The home minister did not agree with a member that Akalis represented the Sikh community. He also denied that the situation in Punjab has taken a communal turn. Sethi expressed the hope that the people in the state would continue to live like brothers.

He said some foreign elements are helping the Khalistan movement, but their identity is yet to be established.

Referring to the demands of the Akalis, Sethi said the tripartite talks have come very close to a solution. He hoped that the river water dispute will be resolved through negotiations. He said we are in touch with the Akali leaders.

The home minister turned down the demand for a white paper on the Punjab situation. Some opposition members wanted a timebound program to solve the problems of the Sikhs and adequate protection of those getting threats. The minister pointed out that it is difficult to evolve such a program in delicate matters like this. A demand was also made for early resumption of the tripartite talks.

Akali Dal Leader Reacts to Sethi's Remarks

BK290337 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Apr 83

[Text] The Akali Dal president, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, says that the Dal has not been shifting its stand on its demands. He was reacting to the home minister, Mr Sethi's, remarks in Parliament yesterday. Talking to newsmen in Amritsar, Mr Longowal claimed that the Akali Dal has always sought the solution to its problems in accordance with the Constitution and the law of the land.

Meanwhile, the district authorities of Amritsar have sent, under registered cover, a letter to the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [SGPC] authorities a week's time to hand over the killer of the late Atwal.[sentence as heard] They have again requested the SGPC to cooperate with the district administration in maintaining law and order.

It may be recalled that the home minister said in the Rajya Sabha yesterday that the SGPC has been asked to hand over antinational elements and extremists hiding in Guru Nanak Niwas within a week's time. He said if antinational elements are taking shelter in places of worship (?which) poses a threat to national security and integrity, the government will be forced to take action as may be warranted by the circumstances. Referring to the Akali demands, he said the tripartite talks had come very close to a solution.

Meanwhile, our Chandigarh correspondent reports that the Central Bureau of Investigation, under the direct supervision of its director, has since started the enquiry into the murder.

AFP: Sikhs Prepare To Resist Moves To Enter Shrine

BK290850 Hong Kong AFP in English 0824 GMT 29 Apr 83

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Excerpts] New Delhi, April 29 (AFP) — enter temples and arrest the assassin of a senior policeman and other Sikh extremists, correspondents said. "It appears that the Sikhs have taken the government threat that it would take drastic action to flush out the alleged extremists very seriously," a local journalist reached by telephone said.

Federal officials here said they were aware of the preparations underway in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, where the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, is situated. The man who gunned Down Avtar Singh Atwal, the state's number two policeman, on Monday is believed to be hiding in the temple.

"We are not sure yet if we are going in for confrontation by using force to flush out the extremists, but certainly we will have to do something," a federal source here said.

Sikh leader Harchand Singh Longowal said last night that his followers were ready to make the "supreme sacrifice" to resisit moves to enter the temple.

Several observers here said that confrontation was inevitable unless there was a last-minute climbdown by one side.

Earlier this month when the Sikh's Akali Dal political party announced an eight-hour statewide road blockade, the state administration, run by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) government, opted for confrontation. Tens of thousands of Sikhs clashed with police in several places and 23 died in police firings.

"It appears that government patience is running out," an observer here said. "It is difficult to believe that the Sikh leadership will hand over the alleged assassin to police before the deadline and if they refuse the government will be caught in a prestige fight," he said.

"It will be a bloodbath if the police attempts to enter the temple as the Sikhs may fight back," another observer said.

The issue is complicated by the presence of militant Sikh leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale inside the temple. Mr. Bhindranwale, 36, is always guarded by dozens of armed followers and Indian newspapers said he was emerging as chief of the militant faction.

"We accept the challenge and will give a befiting reply," he said in reaction to the government's threat to order in police before the deadline.

However, certain officials believe that a formula could be worked out before the deadline. "It seems that both the government and the Sikhs are testing each other, and it is hard to believe that the government will go for a confrontation," said one official who asked not to be named.

"If the government goes for a confrontation, its relations with the Sikhs might reach the stage of no return and certainly Mrs. Gandhi does not wish that," he said.

PAKISTAN

Martial Law Order on Students, Staff Issued

BK290437 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 29 Apr 83

[Text] The martial law administrator, Zone B, issued Martial Law Order Number 363 in Peshawar today. It says any person who is accused of instigating, inciting, inducing, abetting, or provocating students or members of staff of any educational institution to indulge in any activity prejudicial to good order or discipline or is accused of participating in such an activity (?will) be detained for a period not exceeding 3 months. The entry of such a person can be banned to any educational institution till further order. Any student named in the order shall stand rusticated or, as the case may be, expelled from the educational institution of which he is a student or his entry therein banned for such period as may be specified in the order.

It also provides that any person who feels aggrieved of an order made under this martial law order may submit a petition to the martial law administrator within a period of 10 days of the receipt of an order.

The martial law order says contravention of any provision of this order shall be punished under provision of Martial Law Regulation 14.

Soviet Envoy on Desire for Improved Relations

BK290623 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 29 Apr 83

[Text] The Soviet ambassador in Pakistan has said the Soviet Union sincerely desires to improve and strengthen its relations with Pakistan. In an interview with the weekly HURMAT, he mentioned Soviet assistance to Pakistan for its industrial and economic development and referred to President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq's meeting with the Soviet president, Mr Andropov, in Moscow last year, which, as he put it, was an important milestone in Pakistan-Soviet relations. The talks between the two leaders have helped create a better understanding between the two countries about international issues as well as bilateral relations, he added.

About Afghanistan, he said the Soviet Union wants a political solution to this problem and he himself prays for the success of the Geneva talks in this regard. However, he made it clear that the USSR supports the proposals put forward by the Karmal administration in 1980.

SRI LANKA

Reportage on Indian Foreign Minister's Visit

BK261349 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 26 Apr 83

[Text] Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao arrived in Colombo this morning on a 3-day good-will visit to Sri Lanka. He is now having official talks with Foreign Minister Shahul Hameed. The talks will cover international and regional issues, bilateral matters, and followup action on decisions taken at the New Delhi nonaligned summit. President Jayewardene's suggestion that the movement send delegates to industrialized countries to [words indistinct] improving the lots of developing nations is one of the proposals being followed up by India, the current chairman of the movement.

The trade and economic cooperation and the future of several thousand people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka, who have no citizenship, are among other subjects expected to be discussed.

Hameed, Rao Hold Talks

BK281239 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Ecerpts] Visiting Indian minister of external affairs, Mr Narasimha Rao, called on President Jayewardene at president's house this morning and handed over a message of good will from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Later, Mr Rao laid the foundation stone for a new building for the Indian chancery at Kollupitiya near the Galle Face Hotel. The building will have all facilities including an auditorium and library. Foreign Minister Shahul Hameed, Minister of Rural Industrial Development S. Thondaman, Mayor of Colombo Sirisena Cooray and members of the diplomatic corps were among those who attended the ceremony.

Mr Rao then held his final round of talks with Foreign Minister Shahul Hameed. According to Foreign Ministry sources, today's talks centered on bilateral relations between the two countries.

Rao Discusses Tamil Issue

BK281619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka has told the external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, that the problem of stateless people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka is now for the Colombo government to solve. Mr Rao met President Jayewardene in Colombo this morning. The Sri Lanka foreign minister, Mr A.C.S. Hameed, was also present. Rao later told newsmen that he and Mr Hameed reported to the Sri Lanka president about the talks they had been having on the review of the implementation of the agreement on the citizenship issue. A joint statement issued at the end of Mr Rao's visit also took note of Sri Lanka's decision to take appropriate steps to resolve the issue. The All India Radio correspondent, Manohar Takru, says that the issue has been in existence for 17 years and was resolved through two agreements of 1964 and 1974 which lapsed in October 1981. About 100,000 people are, however, still left.

Mr Rao clarified to the newsmen that India is neither encouraging nor tolerating any acts of terrorism in any country. It is all the more important from India's point of view that there is no terrorism in a neighboring country.

When asked about allegation that India gave refuge to Sri Lankan terrorists in Tamil Nadu, Mr Rao said he had discussed the allegation with the Tamil Nadu governor and the chief minister while on his way to Colombo. He said both had assured him that they hold the same views on the question. Mr Rao added that in our own country we tackle such situation firmly.

Jayewardene To Pay State Visit to UK in June

BK270730 Colombo THE SUN in English 22 Apr 83 p 1

[Text] President J.R. Jayewardene will pay a state visit to the United Kingdom in June on the invitation of Queen Elizabeth II. The three day visit will be from June 7 to 10 the presidential secretarial announced yesterday.

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SWISS AID — The Swiss Government has pledged to provide over 1.8 million francs for two Swiss-aided projects in Sri Lanka. The assistance equivalent to some 20 million rupees will be utilized for satellite mapping project and a livestock development project. The first project deals with aerial photography feedback from satellite, mapping out local resources and survey activities. The aim of this project is to augment the activities of the survey department in collecting date on such fields as paddy production and conservation of forest resources. The livestock project was launched in 1980. [Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 21 Apr 83 BK]

Lebanese Imam Lauds Khomeyni Leadership

LD291105 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that on the auspicious birthday anniversary of the master of the faithful, His Holiness 'Ali — peace be upon him — glorious ceremonies were held at the residence of the ambassador of the Islamic Republic in Beirut. In these ceremonies, in which some clergymen and a large number of supporters of the Islamic Revolution were present, Shaykh Raghbib Harb, Friday imam of Jibshit, praised in a speech Imam Khomeyni's leadership and condemned the Saddamists' missile attack on the heroic city of Dezful and the bombing of Pol-e Dokhtar.

Comments on 'Offensive Position'

LD291103 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Apr 83

[Text] According to a report by the Central News Unit from Beirut, on the occasion of the auspicious birthday anniversary of the master of the faithful, His Holiness 'Ali, peace be upon him, glorious ceremonies yesterday were held in Beirut, attended by a large number of the supporters of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and members of the staff of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Lebanon. During these ceremonies Shaykh Raghbib Harb made a speech emphasizing Imam Khomeyni's leadership in the revolutionary movement of the Muslims of southern Lebanon. He said: In the past, we used to be in a defensive position. However, today, with the spread of the Islamic movement in the region, we have adopted an offensive position.

Official Criticizes Iraqi Position on Oil Slick

LD281821 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Following the missile attack launched by the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi regime on the Nowruz oil field in the Persian Gulf and the pollution of the Persian Gulf waters by the oil leakage, the Kuwait convention recently held a meeting to prevent the pollution of the region's waters.

Sheykh ol-Eslam, political under secretary in the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran, offered some explanations about this meeting:

[Begin recording] The earlier meetings, unfortunately,met with the same noncooperation and differences. After the second meeting, we again expressed our willingness and went to this meeting with full readiness and with the best intentions. Unfortunately, the Iraqis did not act as they should and created obstacles in every discussion. The other countries witnessed how we reached an agreement with all the otherson how to cap these wells but the main problem is Iraq, which has [words indistinct] and does not feel any danger from the leakage from these wells and from the pollution itself and does not give any thought to the southern Persian Gulf brothers for whom this is a vital issue. Saddam, as usual, is using this method to put them under pressure, pressure for an imposed solution. [end recording]

The political under secretary in the Foreign Ministry said of the recent bombings of Dezful and Pol-e Dokhtar by the Zionist Iraqi regime:

This is the umpteenth time in a week that these savage crimes have been repeated. The repetition of this action confirms Saddam's helplessness and his desperate struggle to make our nation accept an imposed peace, but the slogan of war, war until victory, which is chanted by our nation after each of these bombings, is a crushing response to these savage acts and shows the futility of his policy.

He added: Of course, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made efforts to make the people of the world and international organizations and circles aware of these crimes and has sent these organizations memoranda. If these organizations claim to be neutral, we will invite them to come and see these crimes for themselves and see that these savage acts cannot be justified by any standard. We ask them to condemn these brutal actions, at least for the sake of their own credibility.

Ambassador to Kuwait Describes Oil Slick Meeting

GF281926 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] Iranian Ambassador to Kuwait Shams Ardakani said at the conclusion of the third session of the extraordinary conference of the Regional Organization for Environmental Protection in the Persian Gulf that due to their failure to reach a satisfactory result to control the damaged petroleum wells, the member states at the conference decided to continue consultations on the means to control these wells. Mr Ardakani added that the date of the next meeting of the Kuwait conference will be announced later so as to continue discussion of this topic.

The Iraqi regime shelled the Nowruz oil field in the Persian Gulf, which has resulted in oil leaking, the polluting of the region's waters, and exposing the region's peoples and marine resources to danger.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,299

LD281923 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Communique No 1,299 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons' fire continued yesterday on the fronts of the imposed war. The strong combatants of Islam continued to consolidate their defense positions and brought the movements and activities of the Iraqi forces under their control. Our strong combatants opened artillery and mortar fire on enemy positions and supply points, inflicting considerable losses and casualties.

On the Marivan front, the artillery fire of the combatants of Islam destroyed five enemy trenches in the (Biyarah) area in Iraq:

their occupants were either killed or wounded. The combatants of Islam also brought the movements of the Iraqi forces in this region under control.

Continuing the exchanges of fire on the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, the combatants of Islam returned the Iraqi forces' artillery fire, silenced their heavy weapons fire, destroyed more than 5 trenches, and killed or wounded approximately 35 enemy servicemen.

Yesterday, Abadan continued to be under the fire of the enemy's long-range artillery; one of our beloved compatriots was wounded.

During the past 24 hours, a number of the intruding enemy aircraft tried to penetrate and violate the airspace of some western and southern regions of our homeland. The enemy aircraft were repulsed by our fighter aircraft and our air defense units before penetrating the border.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Foreign Ministry Sends Messages on Shelling

GF281614 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] The Foreign Ministry has sent messages to representatives of the International Red Cross committee, the Islamic conference, the Nonaligned Movement, and other international organizations, calling upon them to denounce the shelling of the residential areas in Pol-e Dokhtar in Luristan Province, which resulted in the martyrdom of tens of the town's innocent citizens and the destruction of more than 50 houses and schools.

The Foreign Ministry called on these organizations to send their representatives soon in order to see the effects of the dreadful crime committed by the aggressive Iraqi regime.

Prime Minister Speaks to Esfahan Party Members

GF290545 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 29 Apr 83

[Text] Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, on a visit to Esfahan, last night addressed members of the Iranian Republican Party.

According to IRNA, the prime minister said in his speech: Today, the slogans, the path, and the acts of the martyrs are the criteria for us in the light of which we should review our attitudes and acumen.

In this regard, he added: We cannot afford to ignore the bold headlines inscribed in the blood of the martyrs such as Martyr Beheshti. We sould always bear them in mind because negligence in this respect will be our doom.

In conclusion, Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi answered the questions of those present regarding the various problems of the country.

Prosecutor General Issues Circular on Hoarding

LD281231 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Apr 83

[Text] The State Prosecutor General today sent a circular to all Ministry of Justice courts and prosecutors offices,asking them to engage in a determined and decisive struggle against profiteering and hoarding.

Referring to the disgraceful and criminal activities of ungodly individuals and the difficulties they have caused for the government and the nation, the circular says: It is the duty of the judiciary and the noble judges to demonstrate their independence and decisiveness and to act according to the duties which the dear and esteemed martyrs have allotted them, and to adopt a severe and decisive approach toward those individuals who have ignored the counsels of the dear imam and the warnings of government officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran and who continue their disgraceful and criminal activities. They should be brought to justice.

The following points have been emphasized in the circular on punishing the profiteers and hoarders:

1. Punishments should be in accordance with the single article approved on 21 May 1975, concerning the punishment of those who sabotage the distribution of wheat, flour, and rice.

2. The law concerning the regulation of the distribution of goods needed by the public, approved in May 1974. [sentence as heard]

3. The law concerning the guilds system, especially Article 82 of the same law about handing out the most severe penalties to the offenders. [sentence as heard]

4. In each region, in view of its importance and conditions, there should be necessary cooperation with the responsible officials.

Majlis Deputy Accuses Government of Power Abuse

GF261716 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 26 Apr 83

[Text] In today's Majlis session, the Minudasht deputy severely criticized Khomeyni's regime. According to our correspondent, Hasan Hoseyni, who is a mullah, in a strong attack against the leaders of the Islamic Republic, accused them of abuse of power, negligence in attending to the people's needs, creation of black markets and hoarding, and inability to deal with commerce.

The Majlis deputy in his unprecedented attack against the leaders of the Islamic Republic announced that the rice market is in turmoil, people are suffering from shortages and even the rice farmers in the north face shortages. He went on to attack the capitalists affiliated with the regime, accusing them of hoarding rice.

While explaining the needs of the people in his district, he warned that if the regime's officials continue their destructive and damaging policies, he would hold them responsible.

According to our Tehran correspondent, the revelations by the Minudasht deputy in today's Majlis session was among the most unprecedented attacks by one of the members of this contrived assembly levelled against Khomeyni's regime to date.

The deputy from Minudasht also openly announced the inability and the incompetence of the government of Mir-Hoseyn Musavi by criticizing the distribution of goods by the government.

We remind you that the remarks by this deputy is a way to demonstrate freedom of speech by the Majlis deputies and in fact none of these deputies have so far been able to criticize the illegal regime of Khomeyni.

Guards Chief Visits Yazd, Attends Seminar

GF290701 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 29 Apr 83

[Text] Mohsen Reza'i, commander in chief of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, arrived in Yazd yesterday afternoon to attend the seminar of the officials of the command councils of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, District No 2 of the country.

According to the report of the Central News Unit, the commander in chief of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps attended the seminar of the officials of the command councils of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps District No 2 and addressed the participants on the military and political issues of the country.

Clandestine Views Problem of Guards Resigning

GF240550 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 24 Apr 83

[Text] The problem of guards resigning has become a major concern for the illegal so-called Islamic regime.

The weekly PAYAM-E ENQELAB, organ of the mercenary Guards Corps, issued a communique signed by Mohammad Reza (Fakher), Khomeyni's deputy in the Guards Corps command, discussing this problem. He wrote:

With reference to (?letter) No 140/797 dated [word indistinct] as has been already stated, brothers of the corps at present should not resign so as not to cause any concomitant inconvenience and this is in accordance with the decree of the clerical rule. Those wishing to resign will only be allowed to do so if there is an exigency greater than the war or if the authorities decide that their leaving will not deplete the corps. With regard to this religious obligation which is binding on all brother guards, the personnel department announces hereby that those brothers who intend to resign should refrain from doing so.

[Signed] Your brother, Mohammad Reza (Fakher).

According to our correspondent, there was another communique in the same issue of the PAYAM which was also signed by (Fakher), [passage indistinct].

This communique reads: It has come to our attention that some of our respected brothers in the corps are (?participating) in meetings of certain groups or in political discussions, elections and so on, which are contrary to the regulations of the corps and create (?problems) for the corps authorities and the noble scholars. Therefore, please inform all the sections of the headquarters and departments that the abovementioned matters are (?contrary to) the imam's decrees and the constitution of the corps and is (?subject to) the office of the imam's deputies. [passage indistinct]

[Signed] Your brother, Mohammad Reza (Fakher).

BRIEFS

WATER FOR UAE — Tehran, April 25, IRNA — Two more Iranian ships carrying 22,212 boxes containing bottles of fresh water docked at Dubayy to provide drinking water for Muslim people of the United Arab Emirates who have been affected by an oil slick in the Persian Gulf due to an Iraqi missile attack against Iranian oil wells. [Excerpt] [Tehran IRNA in English 0907 GMT 25 Apr 83 LD]